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CONTENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein content

including said indicia is placed in a payload portion of a datagram.

4. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said indicia is encrypted.

5. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said terminal includes a user interface operable in accordance with said indicia to permit operations available to a user of said terminal in relation to said content, said operations including the transfer of said content

from volatile storage, into which content is received from said network, to user accessible storage.

8. (Amended) A terminal as claimed in Claim 6, wherein said first memory provides temporary storage of said content.

11. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein content including said indicia is placed in a payload portion of a datagram.

15. (Amended) A computer program comprising executable code for execution when loaded on a computer, wherein the computer is operable in accordance with said code to carry out the method according to claim 9.

16. (Amended) A computer program comprising executable code for execution when loaded on a computer, wherein the computer is operable in accordance with said code to carry out the method according to claim 12.

17. (Amended) A program as claimed in Claim 15, stored in a computer readable medium.

Please add new claims 19-31 as follows:

-- 19. A system as claimed in Claim 2, wherein content including said indicia is placed in a payload portion of a datagram.

20. A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said indicia is encrypted.

21. A system as claimed in claim 3, wherein said indicia is encrypted.

22. A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said terminal includes a user interface operable in accordance with said indicia to permit operations available to a user of said terminal in relation to said content, said operations including the transfer of said content from volatile storage, into which content is received from said network, to user accessible storage.

23. A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said terminal includes a user interface operable in accordance with said indicia to permit operations available to a user of said terminal in relation to said content, said operations including the transfer of said content from volatile storage, into which content is received from said network, to user accessible storage.

24. A system as claimed in claim 4, wherein said terminal includes a user interface operable in accordance with said indicia to permit operations available to a user of said terminal in relation to said content, said operations including the transfer of said

content from volatile storage, into which content is received from said network, to user accessible storage.

25. A terminal as claimed in Claim 7, wherein said first memory provides temporary storage of said content.

26. A method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein content including said indicia is placed in a payload portion of a datagram.

27. A computer program comprising executable code for execution when loaded on a computer, wherein the computer is operable in accordance with said code to carry out the method according to claim 10.

28. A computer program comprising executable code for execution when loaded on a computer, wherein the computer is operable in accordance with said code to carry out the method according to claim 11.

29. A computer program comprising executable code for execution when loaded on a computer, wherein the computer is operable in accordance with said code to carry out the method according to claim 13.

30. A computer program comprising executable code for execution

when loaded on a computer, wherein the computer is operable in accordance with said code to carry out the method according to claim 14.

31. A program as claimed in Claim 16, stored in a computer readable medium. --

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the attached Abstract.

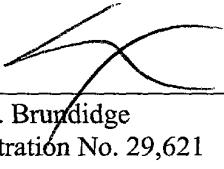
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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

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ABSTRACT

A content distribution system is described in which indicia defining a level of copyright control are encapsulated together with content to which it relates in a datagram for a delivery over a network. Depending on the level of copyright control defined by the indicia, a terminal receiving the content is restricted in the operations it can carry out on the content including saving, reading and forwarding the content.

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

26. (Amended) A system as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein content including said indicia is placed in a payload portion of a datagram.

27. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~, wherein said indicia is encrypted.

28. (Amended) A system as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein said terminal includes a user interface operable in accordance with said indicia to permit operations available to a user of said terminal in relation to said content, said operations including the transfer of said content from volatile storage, into which content is received from said network, to user accessible storage.

29. (Amended) A terminal as claimed in Claim 6 ~~or Claim 7~~, wherein said first memory provides temporary storage of said content.

11. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 9 ~~or Claim 10~~, wherein content including said indicia is placed in a payload portion of a datagram.

15. (Amended) A computer program comprising executable code for execution when loaded on a computer, wherein the computer is operable in accordance with said code to carry out the method according to ~~any one of Claims 9 to 11~~ claim 9.

30. (Amended) A computer program comprising executable code for execution when loaded on a computer, wherein the computer is operable in accordance with said code to carry out the method according to claim 12~~any one of Claims 12 to 14~~.

31. (Amended) A program as claimed in Claim 15 or Claim 16, stored in a computer readable medium.